

Dear Tribal Citizens,

My name is Leroy Shomin. I will be a candidate in the upcoming tribal election. I am seeking a seat on the LTBB Tribal Council and ask for you to vote for me. In the lines that follow I will give a short introductory bio. Then I will try to impart to you how I can serve and why tribal citizens should vote for me.

I live in Grand Rapids, Michigan where I was born, raised, and have lived for most of my life. I have one child, a son named Alan Shomin, who also is a tribal citizen. After receiving my associate degree from Grand Rapids Community College, I went to work for Gun Lake Tribe. I was hired by Gun Lake as a compliance officer primarily monitoring Gun Lake Casino compliance with minimum internal control standards, writing reports, and auditing. After several years with the Gun Lake Tribe I took a position with a recovery audit firm where I oversaw a small team of assistants until being promoted to auditing accounts payable.

I am currently attending Grand Valley State University (GVSU). My major area of study is accounting but I also like economics. I will earn my Bachelor of Business Administration in accounting from GVSU this summer.

I was appointed to tribal council early in 2019. As an LTBB Tribal Councilor I fully supported councils endeavors to diversify the tribe's economy. I am proud to be able to say that I worked to add new sources of income to the tribe. I am gratified that the tribe is no longer solely reliant on the federal government and the casino to fund tribal government operations and programs/services for the tribal citizens.

I have also been honored by my fellow tribal councilors in their nomination and vote for me to sit on the Appropriations & Finance Committee (AFC). While on AFC, or council, I do my research. I analyze the information. I ask a lot of questions. I ask for accountability.

There is still much work to be done to keep the tribe prospering; work that I want to be a part of. With your support I will continue working with council and using my life experience, work experience, and education to increase the amount of money brought in to the tribe, to further diversify the tribes economy, to better current services, to protect the water, and to provide for the next seven generations. I ask for your support in the tribal election so that I can continue that good work. Vote Leroy Shomin for Tribal Council.